

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For the reasons presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references, I have determined that South Globe Project is not a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons

The project would restore 604 acres of drained agricultural lands to their historic condition as wetlands. This restoration will provide much needed habitat for all migratory birds during the fall and spring migration period.

Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Executive Order 11900 (Protection of Wetlands) have been considered and this project will have no adverse effect on floodplain and wetland values.

All water quality and fill permits will be obtained.

The Refuge has contacted the Illinois Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the presence of properties within the project area that meet the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places. An archeological survey will be completed prior to any earthwork and the recommendations of the SHPO will be followed.

Supporting References

- [1. Environmental Assessment
- [2. Compatibility Determination
- [3. Threatened and Endangered Species Section 7 Intra-Service Consultation
- [4. Historic preservation and cultural resources


Regional Director

6/30/03
Date